

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF SEDRANI ET AL.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/580,296

FOR: 4-PHENYLPYPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AS RENIN INHIBITORS

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2007, wherein the pending claims are held subject to restriction. A one-month extension of time petition is included herewith. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Murray during a telephone interview held on November 29, 2007. During the interview the pending restriction requirement was discussed. Examiner Murray agreed to the following changes to the restriction requirement:

R₁ is limited to O-CH₂-aryl, e.g., R₁ is OX, X is -(CH₂)_m-(CR₉R₁₀)_p-(CH₂)_n-Z-(CH₂)_q-W, m is 1, p=n=q=0, Z is a bond and W is aryl; and
L-R₃ is hydrogen, e.g., L is a bond and R₃ is hydrogen.

The swapping of definitions of R₁ and R₃ is intended solely to reflect the definitions of R₁, R₃ and L in the dependent claims and to thereby minimize the extent of claim amendments to bring the claims into compliance with the instant elections.

The following elections are made consistent with the results of the telephone interview.

Applicants hereby elect Group V, claims 1-16, drawn to compounds of claim 1 in which R₂, L-R₃, and R₄ are hydrogen, R₁ is O-CH₂-aryl (e.g., R₁ is OX, X is -(CH₂)_m-(CR₉R₁₀)_p-(CH₂)_n-Z-(CH₂)_q-W, m is 1, p=n=q=0, Z is a bond and W is aryl) and Q is a 5 or 6 membered aryl ring. Applicants make this election without traverse. Applicants note that claims 1-6 and 10-16 read on elected Group V.